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1. JERUSALEM POST OF JANUARY 19 CARRIES PROMINENT ADVERTISEMENT
BY RAKAH PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL MEIR VILNER APPEALING
FOR A UNITED NON-IDEOLOGICAL ARAB-JEWISH PEACE FRONT.
IT CALLS ON ALL FORCES TRULY DESIRING PEACE, WHETHER
ZIONIST OR NON-ZIONIST, TO JOIN WITH RAKAH (NEW
COMMUNIST LIST) IN PRESENTING A COMMON ELECTORAL LIST
UNDER THE NAME "JEWISH-ARAB LIST OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY."
THE POLICY PLATFORM OF THIS NEW UNITED FRONT GROUP IS
TO BE BASED ON THE FIVE ARTICLES ADOPTED BY THE 18TH
RAKAH CONGRESS (SEE REFTEL B) CALLING FOR: A. CHANGE
OF OFFICIAL ISRAELI POLICY TO PREVEN A NEW WAR BY
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CONVEING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH ALL INVOLVED
PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PLO; B. DEFENSE OF DEMOCRATIC
RIGHTS AGAINST THE THREAT OF "RIGHT WING AND FASCIST
FORCES" SEIZING POWER; C. DEFENSE OF THE INTERESTS OF
THE WORKERS AND THE POPULAR MASSES; D. STRUGGLE
AGAINST DISCRIMINATIONAND OPPRESSION OF THE ARAB
POPULATION IN ISRAEL; E. STRUGGLE FOR ENDING DIS-

CRIMINATION AGAINST THE ORIENTAL JEWISH COMMUNITY.

2. THE APPEAL CLAIMS THAT THE KEY QUESTION IS NOT THE IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND ZIONISTS, BUT THE CONFLICT BETWEEN "ANNEXATIONISTS" WHO WILL PROVOKE ANOTHER WAR AND THE FORCES OF PEACE. FURTHER, "THE FORCES FOR PEACE" IN ISRAEL SHOULD DROP THEIR ANTI-COMMUNIST PREJUDICES AND JOIN IN THE COMMON STRUGGLE FOR PREVENTING ANOTHER WAR.

3. COMMENT: BOTH PRESS REPORTS AND EMBASSY CONTACTS IN THE ISTADRUT ARAB DEPARTMENT HAD INDICATED EARLIER THERE HAD BEEN BITTER ARGUMENTS IN RAKAH CIRCLES WHETHER TO ENTER THE KNESSET ELECTION CAMPAIGN AS COMMUNIST PARTY OR UNDER A UNITED FRONT LABEL. EARLIER INDICATIONS HAD BEEN THAT THE ANTI-UNIASEFRONT FORCES HABHPLA VAILED. AS THE AD INIDCATES, HOWEVER, THIS DECISION NOW APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REVERSED.
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